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may be glorified*

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Belmont Abbey College Named #2 in Undergraduate Teaching in Region by *U.S. News & World Report*

Belmont, N.C. (September 23, 2025) – Belmont Abbey College earns national recognition for academic excellence, securing the No. 2 spot for Best Undergraduate Teaching among Regional Colleges in the South in the 2026 *U.S. News & World Report* rankings—for the second year in a row. The college also rose ten places to No. 12 in the Regional Colleges–South category, placing the college in the top 10 percent, affirming its continued growth and impact in the region.

These achievements coincide with a period of remarkable growth at the College, as Belmont Abbey celebrates its largest total enrollment in history and welcomes its second-largest incoming class. This growth underscores Belmont Abbey's reputation as one of the top-ranked independent colleges in North Carolina.

The Best Undergraduate Teaching ranking highlights institutions where faculty and administrators are especially committed to high-quality undergraduate education. This recognition is based on a peer assessment survey in which college presidents, provosts, and admissions deans nominate up to 15 schools within their category that they believe are making exceptional efforts in undergraduate teaching.

"Our faculty do more than teach—they guide and support our students, helping to form them into individuals who will be a blessing to themselves and to the world around them," said Interim President Dr. Joseph Wysocki. "Much of our recent growth aligns with the expansion of our academic offerings—now more than 30 majors and 50 minors—designed to meet the evolving needs of our community and the region."

Belmont Abbey College added to its accolades by claiming the No. 15 spot in Best Value Schools for Regional Colleges–South and also achieved a Peer Assessment Rank of No. 4, reflecting strong recognition from academic peers.

Belmont Abbey College is also recognized as an authentically Catholic institution by The Cardinal Newman Society, a distinction that highlights the college's unwavering commitment to providing a faithful, Catholic education. Rooted in the Benedictine tradition, Belmont Abbey fosters intellectual and spiritual growth, forming students not only for academic success but also for lives of virtue and purpose.

The college also continues to see significant growth in its Premier Scholarships, with programs like the Honors College, the Hintemeyer Catholic Leadership Scholarship, the St. Thomas More Civic Integrity Scholarship, and the Fr. Oetgen Theatre and Dance Scholarship. These programs also emphasize the development of the whole person, ensuring students are not only equipped for a successful career but also for a joyful life.

These rankings reflect Belmont Abbey's enduring commitment to academic quality, student support, and holistic formation. As a Catholic, Benedictine institution, the college strives to educate students in mind, body, and soul, preparing them not only for successful careers but for lives of meaning and purpose.

For more information about Belmont Abbey College and its programs, visit www.belmontabbeycollege.edu.

About Belmont Abbey College: Founded in 1876, Belmont Abbey College is a private, Catholic baccalaureate and liberal arts institution. Our mission is to educate students in the liberal arts and sciences so that in all things God may be glorified. Guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition and the Benedictine spirit of prayer and learning, we welcome a diverse body of students and provide them with an education that will enable them to lead lives of integrity, to succeed professionally, to become responsible citizens, and to be a blessing to themselves and to others. Our beautiful and historic campus is conveniently located just 10 miles west of Charlotte, N.C., and is currently home to more than 1500 students. For more information, visit <https://belmontabbeycollege.edu/>.